fees could not be implemented in time due to lapses on the part of two officers of the Bureau of Indian Standards (now retired). Action has been initiated for starting departmental proceedings against them.

(c) The delay in implementation of revised rates resulted in arrears amounting to Rs. 2.42 crores to be collected from applicants and licensees of BIS. However, with concerted efforts an amount of Rs. 1.96 crores has already been collected. Efforts for recovery of balance arrears are still being made by BIS.

(d) A thorough probe into the matter has already been made.

Long Term Grain Policy

1867. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High level Committee for formulating a Long Term Grain Policy for the country constituted by his Ministry has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN):(a) No, Sir. The final report is likely to be submitted shortly.

(b) Does not arise.

Disposal of damaged foodgrains

1868. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI has disposed off 1.82 lakh tonnes of damaged foodgrains;